EAS. Under EAS and JRY additional gainful, employment is sought to be provided during the lean agricultural season in manual work to all able-bodied adults in the rural areas who are in need and desirous to work. The objective of the PMRY to provide employment to more than one million persons by setting up on seven lakhs micro-enterprises by the educated un-employed youth.

Irregularities in Allotment of Houses Under Indira Awas Yojana in Uttar Pradesh

93. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govenrment have fixed any criteria to provide houses to rural poor under Indira Awas Yojana, particularly in the Ambedkar villages;

(b) if so, why these criteria have not been properly implemented in Nagra block of Balia district, Uttar Pradesh;

(c) whether poor people of this area have complained about these irregularities and demanded any inquiry in this matter; and

(d) if so, the details of the measures to check the irregularities and cases of punishment of the persons/officers involved in it?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU): (a) to (d) The information is being collected from the State Government and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Problem of Potable Water

94. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that acute shortage of potable water is being felt all over the country;

(b) whether Government have inquired into the causes of this shortage; and

(c) if so, the details of the causes and action taken by Government to remove them?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU): (a) Shortage of potable drinking water is being felt in the 'Not Covered' and 'Partially Covered' habitations in the country.

(b) and (c) The causes were identified during the survey of status of drinking water supply in rural habitations during 1991—1994. The main reasons are the following:

— Sources going permamently defunct
— Expiry of the design life of the system.
— Poor operation and maintenance
— Emergence of new habitations
— Habitations served by private sources and not having any public source classified as not covered.

Safe drinking water facilities are being provided by the States under the Minimum Needs Programme the Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme including Sub-Missions and under the Basic Minimum Services.

CAPART Funds to NGOs in Manipur

95. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of NBOs working in the State of Manipur with the assistance of the CAPART for the year 1996-97;

(b) the amounts released so far to the NGOs with the names of works;

(c) whether there is any office of CAPART to monitor and supervise the works in the State of Manipur; and

(d) whether the copies of sanction are endorsed to the State Govenrment?